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SUBJ: SOMALI- ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

1. IN SOMALI WEEKLY LAVANGUARDIA- HORSHEID OF JUNE 15, LEADING ARTICLE ENTITLED " IS KHARTOUM AGREEMENT STILL VALID FOR ETHIOPIA" STRONGLY ATTACKS ETHIOPIA IN GENERAL AND ETHIOPIAN MEDIA IN PARTICULAR.

2. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT RADIO ADDIS ABABA HAS RECENTLY ENGAGED IN HOSTILE PROPAGANDA AGAINST SOMALIA THUS VIOLATING 1964 KHARTOUM AGREEMENT. MOREOVER, RADIO HAS BLATANTLY DISTORTED OAU DECISION REGARDING TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA.

3. ARTICLE STATES ADDIS RADIO HAS BEEN CLAIMING THAT 8 - NATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHED AT ADDIS IS NOT CHARGED WITH EXAMINING TERRITORIAL DISPUTE BUT SIMPLY WITH LOOKING INTO BORDER PROBLEM AND CURRENT TENSIONS. RADIO ADDIS PRETENDS THAT BORDERS WERE SETTLED BY 1908 AGREEMENT AND ETHIOPIA WILL NOT CEDE EVEN ONE CENTIMETER OF LAND TO SOMALIA. ALL THIS IN ATTEMPT TO DISTORT THE COMMISSION' S DECLARED PURPOSE, NAMELY TO RESOLVE TERRITORIAL DISPUTE AND PRESENT ITS CONCLUSIONS TO NEXT OAU SUMMIT IN MOGADISCIO.

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4. ARTICLE RIDICULES VALIDITY OF 1908 AGREEMENT WHICH WAS MADE WITH THE COLONIALIST POWERS. ETHIOPIA'S STICKING TO IT " PROVES HERE CONTINUED CONNIVANCE WITH COLONIALISTS."
5. MOREOVER, ARTICLE STATES, IF ETHIOPIA ASSERTS IT HAS NO AGGRESSIVE INTENTIONS TOWARD SOMALIA, " HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE CONCENTRATION OF THREE ETHIOPIAN DIVISIONS MASSED ON OUR FRONTIER?" IN ANY EVENT, SOMALIS WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY ETHIOPIAN THREATS AND, IF INVADED, " WILL SHOW HOW WE CAN FIGHT."
6. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY SAYING THAT SOMALIA HAS ALWAYS TRIED RESOLVE THIS CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEM THROUGH PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND IT PLACES ITS FAITH IN OAU. ETHIOPIA, FOR ITS PART, SHOULD CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE AND RESTORE THE TERRITORY THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HER.
7. COMMENT: SOMALI GOVERNMENT FREQUENTLY USES THIS SO- CALLED " INDEPENDENT" WEEKLY TO PRESENT ITS VIEWS ON CURRENT MATTERS AND PARTICULARLY ON RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA IN UNABASHED MANNER. ARTICLE ACCORDINGLY INDICATES SOMALI SENSITIVITY OVER QUESTION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE OF 8- NATION COMMITTEE SET UP BY OAU. ACCORDINT TO ONE LOCAL SOURCE, ETHIOPIAN BROADCASTS IN SOMALI HAVE LARGE AUDIENCE HERE AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN AROUSING DOUBTS AMONG SOME SEGMENTS OF POPULATION ABOUT SOMALI SUCCESS AT SUMMIT.
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